

IC 20-15-3

Chapter 3. Indiana School for the Blind Board

IC 20-15-3-1

Establishment

Sec. 1. The Indiana School for the Blind board is established.
As added by P.L.69-1999, SEC.10.

IC 20-15-3-2

Members

Sec. 2. (a) The board consists of the following members:

- (1) Seven (7) individuals appointed by the governor. The individuals appointed under this subdivision are voting members of the board.
- (2) The director of the division of special education of the department of education. The individual serving under this subdivision serves in a nonvoting, advisory capacity.
- (3) One (1) individual designated by the governor as the governor's representative on the board. The member appointed under this subdivision serves on the board in a nonvoting, advisory capacity.
- (4) One (1) member of the general assembly appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate. The member appointed under this subdivision serves in a nonvoting, advisory capacity.

(b) When appointing a member to the board under subsection (a)(1), the governor must satisfy the following:

- (1) One (1) voting member of the board must be a parent of at least one (1) student enrolled or formerly enrolled at the school.
- (2) One (1) voting member of the board must have been a student at the school.
- (3) One (1) voting member of the board must be a:
 - (A) representative of a local education agency; or
 - (B) special education director.

(c) Before assuming membership on the board, an individual appointed under subsection (a)(1) must do the following:

- (1) Execute a bond:
 - (A) payable:
 - (i) to the state; and
 - (ii) in an amount and with sureties as approved by the governor; and
 - (B) that is conditioned on the faithful discharge of the member's duties.
- (2) Take and subscribe an oath that must be endorsed upon the member's official bond.

The executed bond and oath shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state. The cost of the bond shall be paid from appropriations made to the school.

As added by P.L.69-1999, SEC.10.

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Compensation and expenses

Sec. 3. (a) Each voting board member who is not an employee of the state or a political subdivision is entitled to the following:

- (1) The minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1 for each board meeting attended by the member.
- (2) Reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

Money for payments to board members under this subsection shall be paid from appropriations made to the school.

(b) The member of the board appointed under section 2(a)(4) of this chapter is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees established by the legislative council. Per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid under this subsection shall be paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the legislative services agency.

As added by P.L.69-1999, SEC.10.

IC 20-15-3-4**Terms of members**

Sec. 4. (a) This section applies only to a board member serving under section 2(a)(1) of this chapter.

(b) The term of a board member is four (4) years.

(c) The term of a member begins upon appointment by the governor.

(d) A member may serve after the member's term expires until the term of the member's successor begins.

(e) The governor may reappoint a member to serve a new term.

As added by P.L.69-1999, SEC.10.

IC 20-15-3-5**Vacancies**

Sec. 5. Whenever there is a vacancy on the board, the governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

As added by P.L.69-1999, SEC.10.

IC 20-15-3-6**Chair of the board**

Sec. 6. (a) At the board's last meeting before July 1 of each year, the board shall elect one (1) member to be chair of the board.

(b) The member elected chair of the board serves as chair beginning July 1 after elected by the board.

(c) The board may reelect a member as chair of the board.

(d) The board shall annually elect one (1) of its members to serve as the secretary for the board.

As added by P.L.69-1999, SEC.10.

IC 20-15-3-7

Quorum

Sec. 7. Four (4) voting members of the board constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of at least four (4) voting members of the board is necessary for the board to take official action other than to do the following:

- (1) Adjourn.
- (2) Meet to hear reports or testimony.

As added by P.L.69-1999, SEC.10.

IC 20-15-3-8

Staff and administrative support

Sec. 8. The school shall provide staff and administrative support to the board.

As added by P.L.69-1999, SEC.10.

IC 20-15-3-9

Administrative control and responsibility

Sec. 9. Subject to IC 20-1-6-2.1 and IC 20-15-4, the board has complete policy and administrative control and responsibility for the school.

As added by P.L.69-1999, SEC.10.

IC 20-15-3-10

Duties

Sec. 10. (a) The board shall do the following:

- (1) Establish policies and accountability measures for the school.
- (2) Implement this article.
- (3) Perform the duties required by IC 5-22-4-8.
- (4) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish criteria for the admission of children with visual disabilities, including children with multiple disabilities, at the school.
- (5) Hire the superintendent, who serves at the pleasure of the board.
- (6) Determine the salary and benefits of the superintendent.
- (7) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 required by this article.

(b) The board shall submit the school's biennial budget to the department of education, which shall review the proposed budget. As part of its review, the department may request and shall receive from the board, in a form as may reasonably be required by the department, all information used by the board to develop the proposed budget. If, upon review, the department determines that any part of the budget request is not supported by the information provided, the department shall meet with the board at the earliest date possible in order to reconcile the budget request. The department shall submit the reconciled budget to the budget agency and the budget committee.

As added by P.L.69-1999, SEC.10.

IC 20-15-3-11**Powers**

Sec. 11. The board may do any of the following to implement this article:

- (1) Adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws in compliance with this article to govern the business of the board.
- (2) Appoint committees the board considers necessary to advise the board.
- (3) Accept gifts, devise, bequests, grants, loans, and appropriations, and agree to and comply with conditions attached to a gift, devise, bequest, grant, loan, or appropriation.
- (4) Do any and all acts and things necessary, proper, or convenient to carry out this article.

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